

# Using the Massachusetts Property Tax Information Viewer

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## Overview of Tools

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The screenshot shows the web application interface for the Massachusetts Property Tax Information Viewer. The interface includes a sidebar on the left with a 'Details' tab and a 'To access parcel information:' section. The main area displays a map of Massachusetts with various cities and highways labeled. Red callout boxes highlight specific tools: 'Navigation' points to the zoom controls (+, home, -) in the sidebar; 'Switch Background' points to the 'Basemap' dropdown in the top toolbar; 'Enter Address' points to the search bar labeled 'Find address or place'; and 'Measure Distance and Area' points to the 'Measure' button in the top toolbar. A note box at the bottom of the map area provides additional context.

**To access parcel information:**

- **Enter an address or zoom in** by using the +/- tools or your mouse scroll wheel. **Parcels will draw when zoomed in.**
- **Click on a parcel** to display a popup with information about that parcel.

Click the "**Basemap**" button to display background aerial imagery.

[Complete Help](#) (PDF)

**About this Viewer**  
This viewer displays property boundaries from assessor parcel maps for all communities in the Commonwealth. Each parcel is linked to selected descriptive information from the assessor database. Data for Boston are being served in a web service hosted by the city; data for all other communities are being served by MassGIS in a web service that includes the standardized "Level 3" tax parcels.

[More details](#)

*Note: When you first open the map, you will not see the parcel data. Parcels will appear when zoomed in to closer scales.*

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*Details for each tool are provided on the following pages*

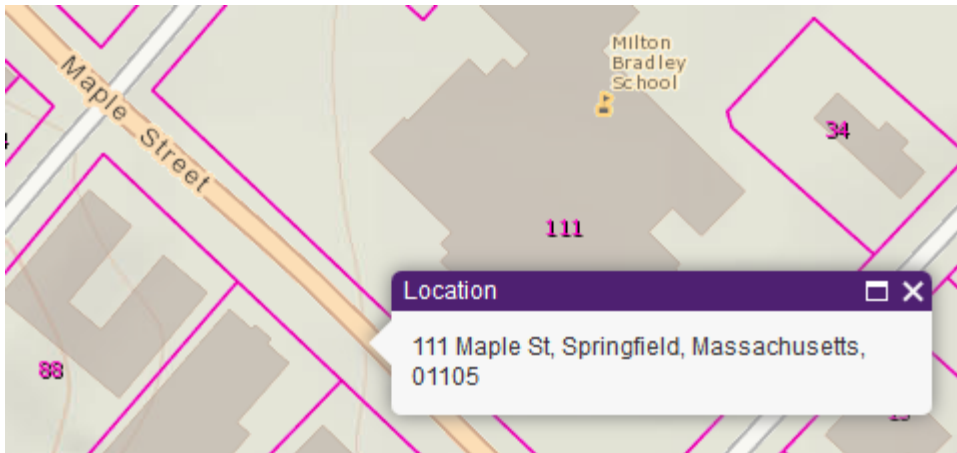
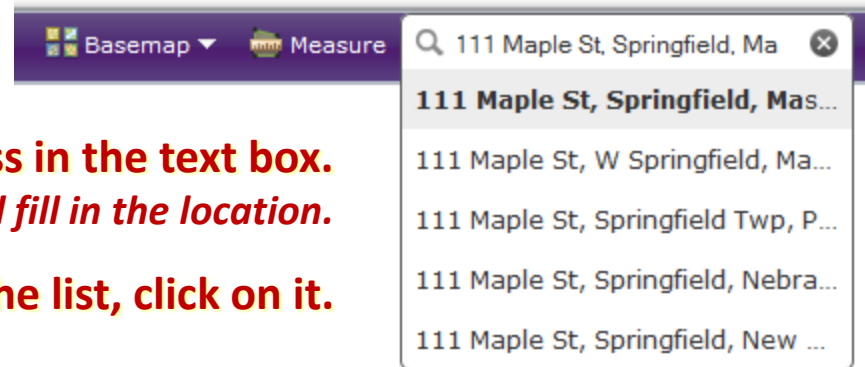
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## Enter Address

► Enter an address in the text box.  
*The “type ahead” feature will fill in the location.*

► When the address you want appears in the list, click on it.



*The map will zoom to the approximate location, indicated by a small popup.*

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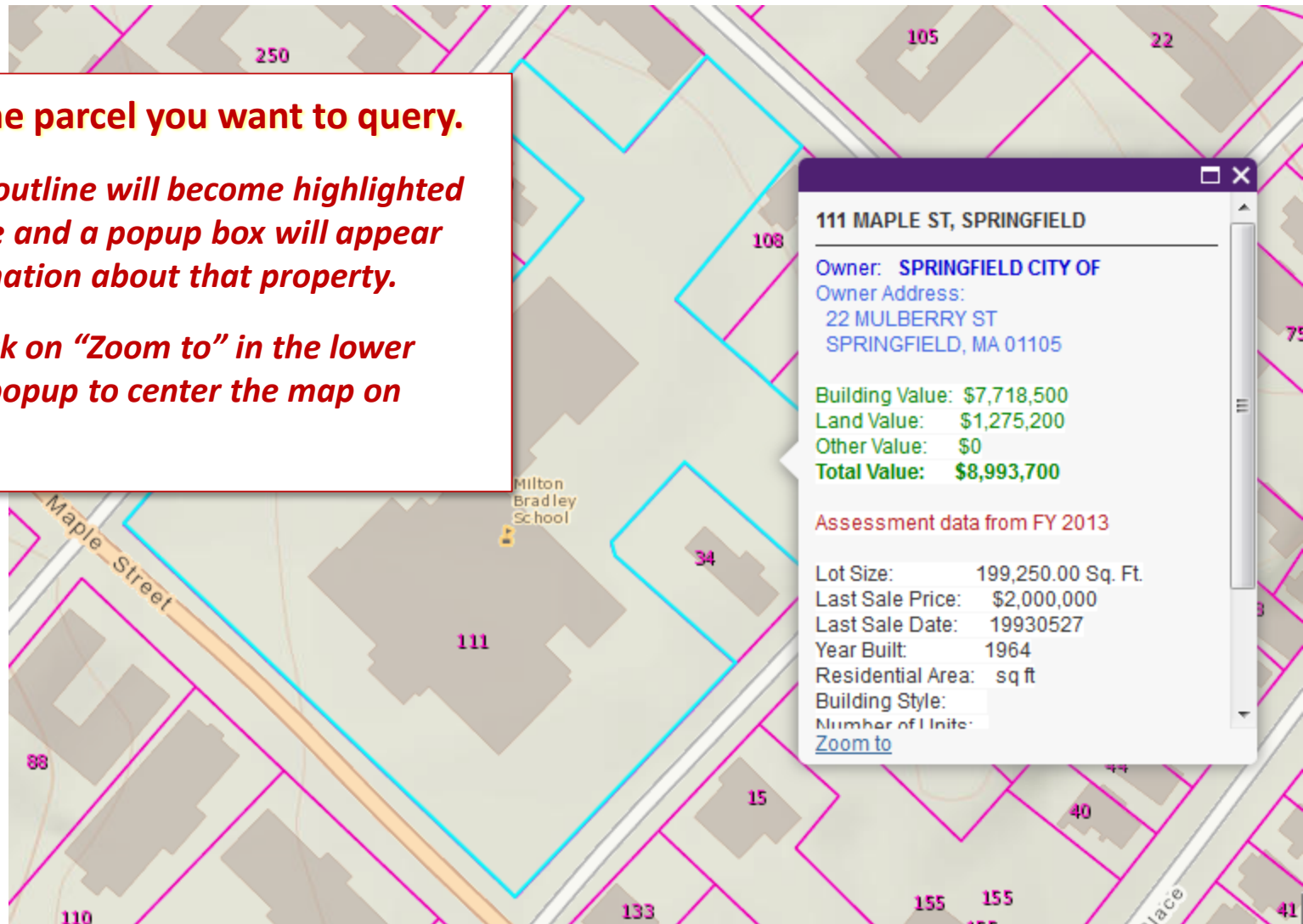
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## Enter Address

► Click on the parcel you want to query.

*The parcel outline will become highlighted in light blue and a popup box will appear with information about that property.*

*You can click on "Zoom to" in the lower left of the popup to center the map on that parcel.*



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## Enter Address

*For condominiums, many records may be associated with a single parcel.*

Indicates the record you are viewing and the total number associated with the selected parcel.

Click arrows to scroll through records.

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Owner: **US ALLIANCE FED CREDIT UNION**  
Owner Address:  
18 COMMERCE WY STE 7100  
WOBURN, MA 01801

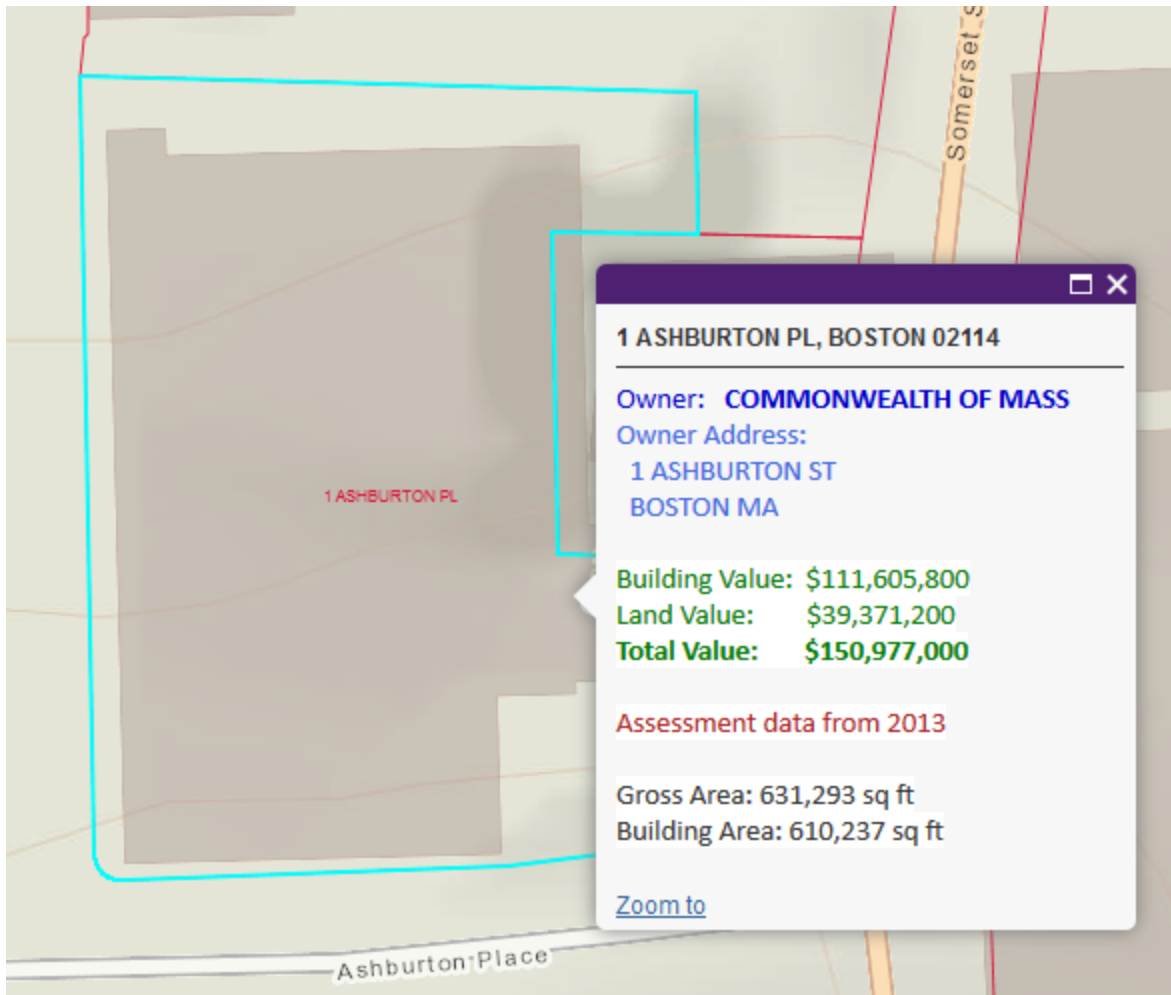
Building Value: \$174,900  
Land Value: \$0  
Other Value: \$0  
Total Value: **\$174,900**

Assessment data from FY 2013

Lot Size:	0.00 Acres
Last Sale Price:	\$142,700
Last Sale Date:	20110503
Year Built:	1983
Residential Area:	950 sq ft
Building Style:	CONDO-OFC
Number of Units:	1

[Zoom to](#)

## Enter Address



***Note: For parcels in Boston, more limited information will appear in the popup.***

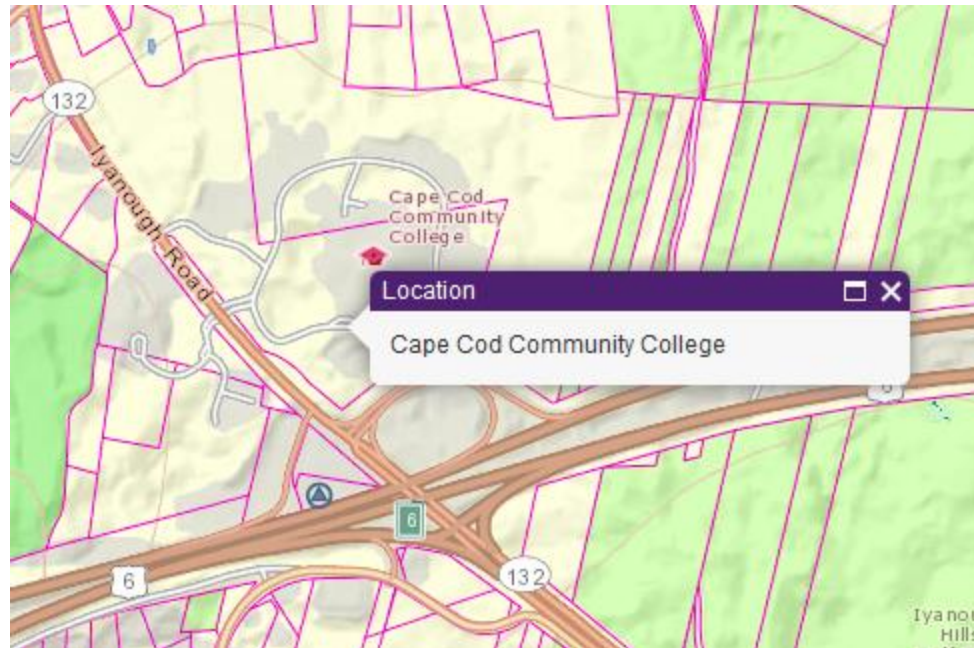
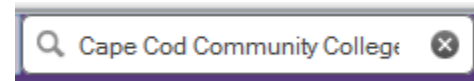
***The data from Boston are being served by the city and currently do not conform to MassGIS' "Level 3" parcel standard. Some parcels may not contain property and land values.***

***Also, the parcel outlines for Boston are drawn in red; parcel outlines in all other communities are drawn in pink.***



## Enter Address

- ▶ You can also enter a place name to zoom to its approximate location.



## Navigation

► Click these buttons to:



Zoom In



Return to the statewide extent



Zoom Out

► You can also use your mouse scroll wheel to zoom in and out.

► To pan, click on the map and drag it to the desired location.

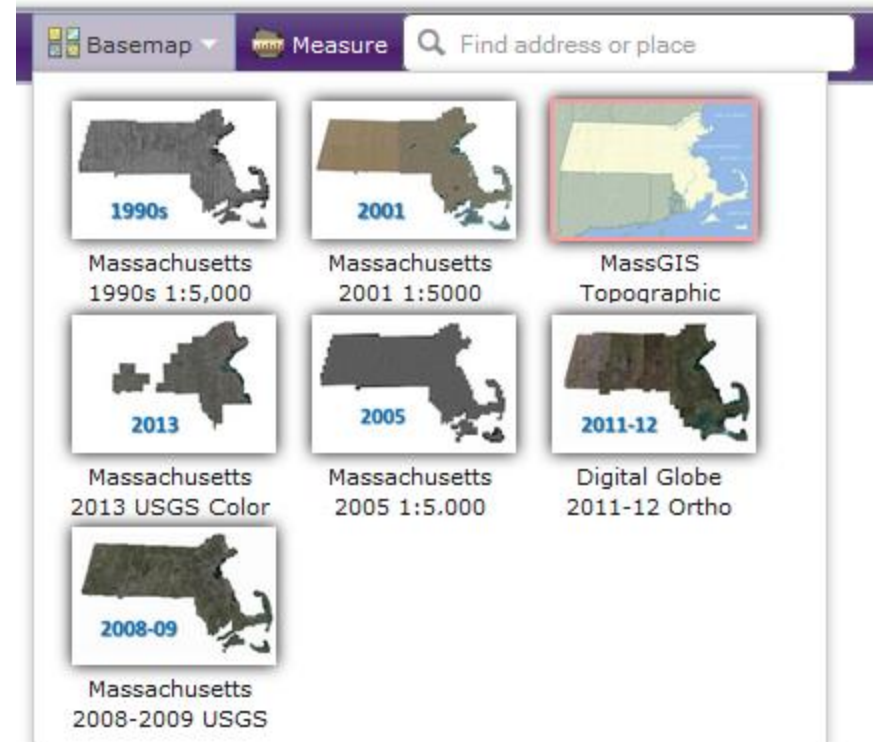
## Switch Background

- Click the “Basemap” button to choose a different background.

*Aerial photography is available from several years.*



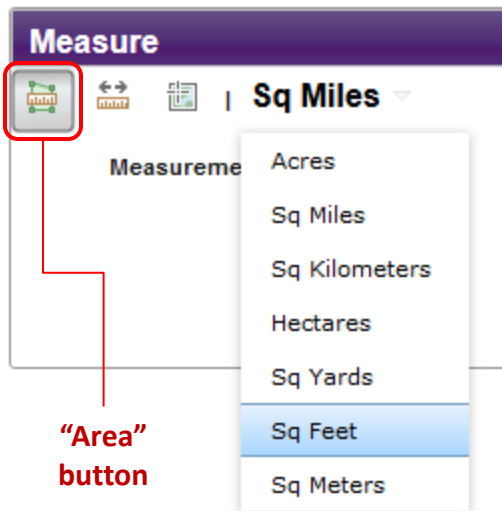
Example of the 2013 imagery as the background



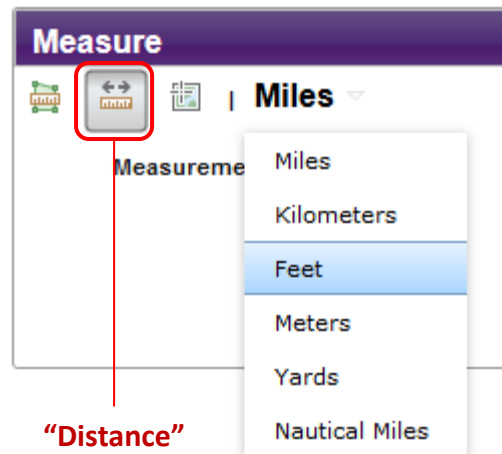


## Measure Distance and Area

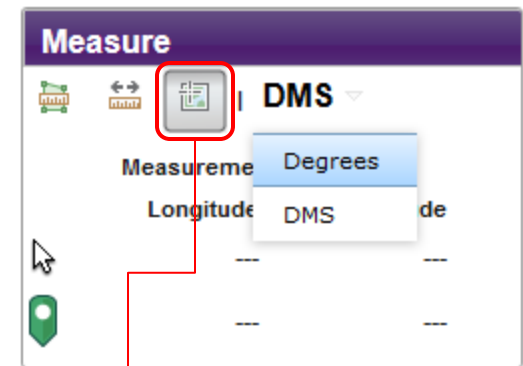
- ▶ Click the “Measure” button to open a window with tools to measure distances and areas on the map.



“Area”  
button



“Distance”  
button



“Location”  
button

- ▶ Click the units (“Sq Miles”, “Miles” and “DMS” are the defaults).
- ▶ Choose the units you want from the list that appears.

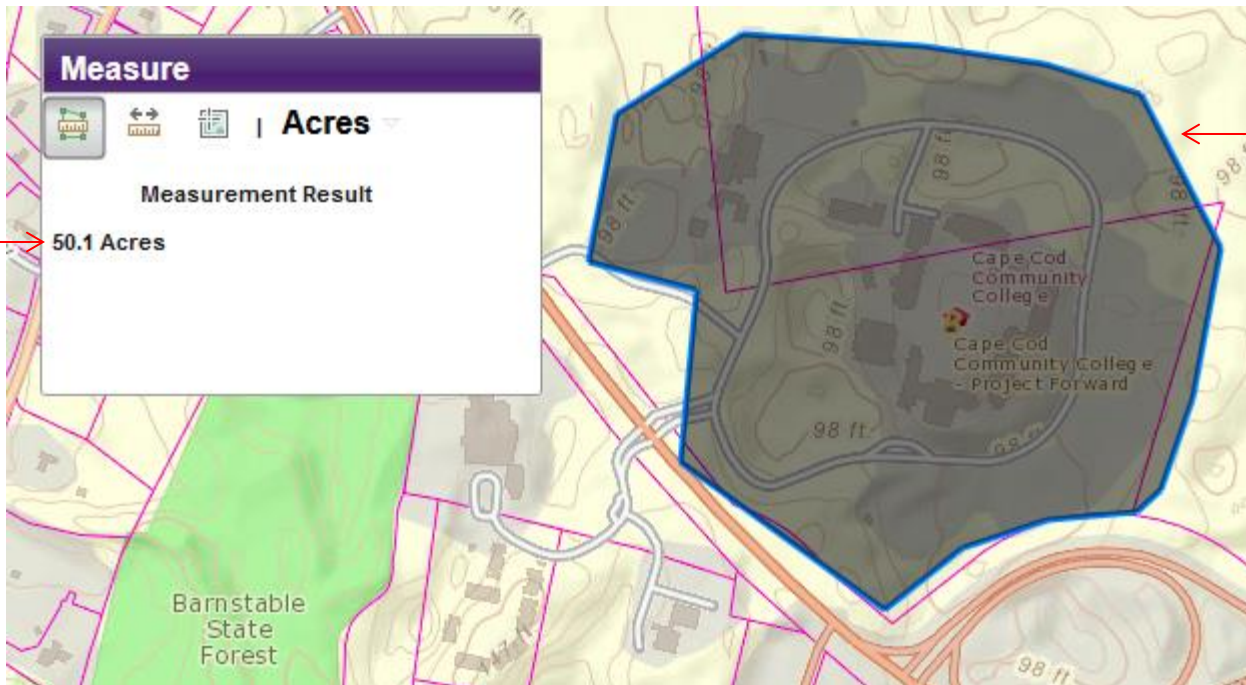
*Click the “Measure” button again to dismiss the tools.*

## Measure Distance and Area

- ▶ For Area, click on the map to draw a shape.
- ▶ Double-click to finish.

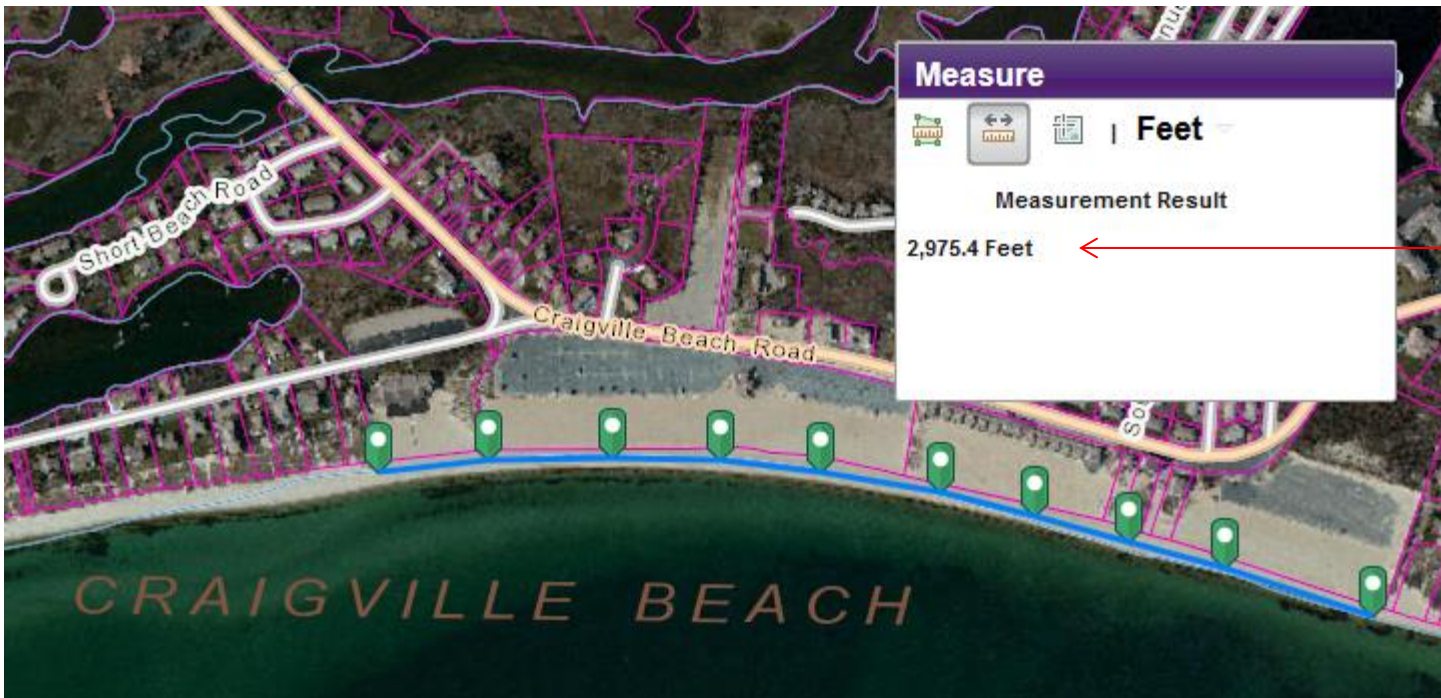
*The shape will appear with a blue outline and a semi-transparent gray fill.*

*The area of that shape will be listed in the Measure box in the units you chose.*



## Measure Distance and Area

- ▶ **For Distance, click on the map to draw a blue line.**  
*With each click, a green marker symbol will appear.*
- ▶ **Double-click to finish.**  
*The total distance of the line will be listed in the Measure box in the units you chose.*

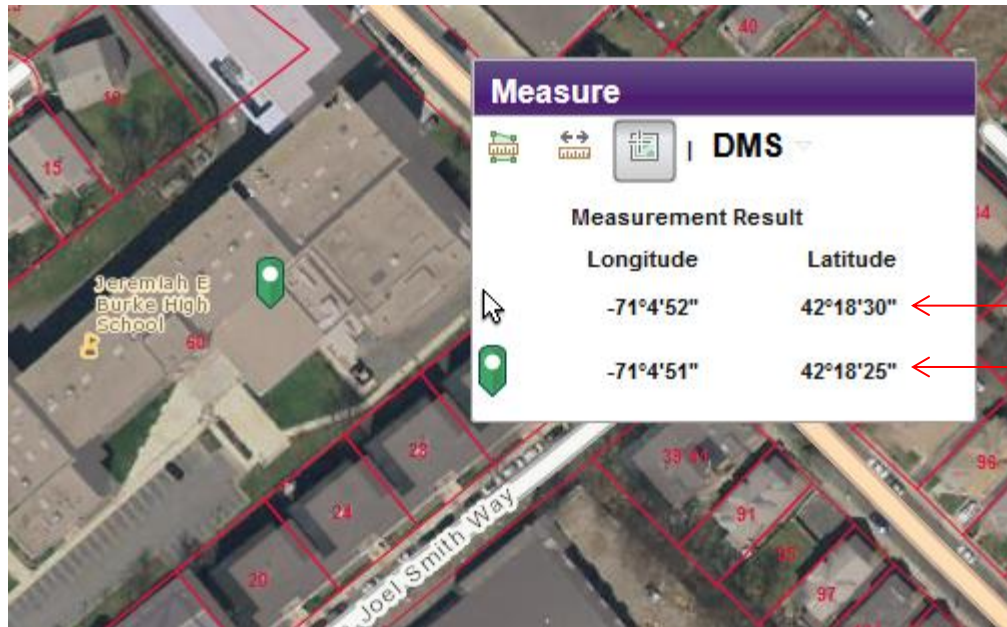


## Measure Distance and Area

- For Location, click on the map to find its longitude and latitude in Decimal Degrees or Degrees/Minutes/Seconds.

*A green marker symbol will appear where you clicked and its coordinates will be listed in the Measure box in the units you chose.*

*The coordinates listed next to the white arrow are those at the current position of your mouse pointer.*



*Coordinates of:*

**Mouse pointer**

**Clicked point**

- ▶ Explore the Massachusetts Property Tax Information Viewer at <http://tinyurl.com/MassParVwr>

- ▶ More information:

*Parcel Viewer description and overview of the data:*

<http://tinyurl.com/MassParVwrHelp>

*Parcel data metadata, with link to free data download:*

<http://www.mass.gov/itd/l3parcels>